

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 9, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

ABEYANCE ITEM - Discussion and possible action on Appeal of Work Card Denial: Steve Merle Alberts, 624 North Milan, Henderson, Nevada 89015

**Fiscal Impact**

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Appellant Letter of Appeal
2. City Clerk Notification Letters to Appellant

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve the appeal, thereby granting a site-specific work card with a one-year review

Passed For: 6; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON; (Against-STEVEN D. ROSS); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

The appellant was present.

BARRY REININK, Detective, and STACI RODD, Detective, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro), were present. DETECTIVE REININK stated the reasons for denial, as indicated in the Confidential Report.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the employer was aware of the appellant's criminal history, to which DETECTIVE REININK replied that the key employee, MR. WRIGHT, has indicated his full awareness and willingness to employ MR. ALBERTS.

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MR. WRIGHT affirmed his awareness of the conviction and willingness to hire MR. ALBERTS despite it.

MR. ALBERTS explained that he pled guilty to unknowingly committing tax fraud, due to some confusion about collecting tips. He has paid his debt, by serving a five-month, house-arrest sentence, during which he was allowed to work and keep his work card. Weeks later, his work card was pulled. He urged the Council to consider allowing him the opportunity to continue to work in this profession, which is the only one he has known for more than 20 years, and he needs it to support his family.

COUNCILMAN ROSS expressed concern about allowing MR. ALBERTS to continue to work in an industry where a work card is required, especially in his profession; therefore, he offered to help him get a job in the construction industry, for which he would not need a work card.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN understood how the tip situation could have been confusing at the Crazy Horse, given all the difficulties that occurred there. She expressed support for giving MR. ALBERTS a second chance, noting that he does not have anything else on his record and that it would be difficult for him to work in construction without the necessary skills.

COUNCILMAN REESE also supported a second chance, stating that he knows firsthand how difficult it is to be a single parent.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON confirmed with MR. ALBERTS that he was on supervisory release status which, if violated, could be cause for going back to prison.

